

HRIC
Executive Committee
11/8/04

Meeting Notes

1) WIA Incentive Grants - Bill Cormany explained that DET has exceeded its goals under Title I except for one item, the response rate on customer surveys was below the goal. In past years, DOL has waived this requirement for States that otherwise meet the Incentive Grant criteria. The next step is to see if the DOE Adult and Tech Ed programs met their goals, if so, Vermont will qualify for at least \$500,000 in Incentive funds that could be applied to a wide range of State workforce development priorities.

2) HRIC State Law and Exec. Order - The Executive Committee agreed that the best strategy is to keep the changes to a minimum, as the current law has been sufficient. Chip distributed a draft with minimal alterations that would update the law. It may be preferable to simply put a new executive order in place. Executive Orders become law automatically if not altered or reversed by the Legislature. Chip reported that on the advice of our Legislative members he contacted Legislative Council to put in a drafting request. This does not commit us to introducing legislation, however it does keep the option open should we decide to do so. DET's legal staff will work with the administration to develop an Executive Order.

3) Next steps on Workforce Message - Chip reported that the meeting has been scheduled for December 8th for the committee that was appointed at the October Council meeting. This was not as timely as we had hoped, however the group proved to be very difficult to schedule. Commissioner Quinn is not able to attend, however Chip will follow up with him individually. The agenda for the Dec. 8th meeting is to finalize the message and discuss the rollout strategy.

4) Winter Council Meeting and Legislative Engagement Strategy - Chip reported that with the assistance of Kathy Keenan he has reserved Room 11 at the Statehouse for the afternoon of Jan. 20. He has also lined up Joe Stoltz who made an excellent speech at the WIB Retreat as a keynote speaker for this event. We will focus on key committees and send an invitation to all Legislators. We will dedicate the first half of the meeting to Mr. Stoltz's presentation and use the second half for the Council's business meeting.

5) Updates:

Outcome training plans - Chip reported that there is interest from AHS, DET, CCV, and the United Way in this concept. A meeting has been scheduled for January to bring representatives of these organizations together to discuss implementation.

Job Corps Update - Chip reported that at least three organizations including the VSC have submitted applications and that a decision is due in Feb. He has provided guidance to DOL on the review of the Vermont elements of the application.

Career Start project - Chip reported that the project has made four major grants and eight small grants to every region except Rutland and Middlebury who did not apply. He will remain involved on the project steering committee, and will assist with the development of the Peer learning Network.

Offender Re-Entry project - Chip reported that he facilitated the NEK WIB forum attended by about 30 organizations. The event was a success, and the WIB will be following up on the action items. The next event will be facilitated by Jim Masland and is scheduled for December 13th in Newport.